

## Senate Resolution 727

By: Senator Fort of the 39th

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Pastor Martin L. Jakes, Sr.; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Pastor Martin L. Jakes, Sr., is Senior Pastor of Greater Mount Hermon Baptist  
3 Church; and

4 WHEREAS, he accepted his call to preach in 1987 and was ordained on April 24, 1994, at  
5 the Old Saint Paul Missionary Baptist Church in Chicago, Illinois, where his late father was  
6 the founder; and

7 WHEREAS, Pastor Jakes attended Loop College in Chicago, Illinois, and Clark Atlanta  
8 University where he pursued a Bachelor of Arts in music education; and

9 WHEREAS, he continued his education in religious studies at the Southern Baptist  
10 Theological Seminary-Boyce Bible School, Midwest Theological Institute, and is currently  
11 pursuing a Master of Arts in ministry at the Andersonville Theological Seminary; and

12 WHEREAS, he has ministered through music on several radio and television broadcasts, one  
13 of which is BET's award winning *Bobby Jones Gospel Show*; and

14 WHEREAS, his gift of music has allowed him to work with or accompany many jazz and  
15 gospel greats such as jazz percussionist Max Roach, saxophonist Jimmy Heath, and Atlanta's  
16 songbird Liz Spragins; and

17 WHEREAS, with his vision to inspire people to reach their destiny and develop their  
18 God-given talents, he founded and serves as president and CEO of Nitram International  
19 Company, LLC, and Hands Lifting Humanity, Inc.; and

20 WHEREAS, he is married to the former Betty J. Maddox and is the proud father of three  
21 sons; and

1 WHEREAS, his goal in life is to see the kingdom of God advanced and the lives of God's  
2 people enriched by inspirational preaching, the practical instruction of God's Word, the  
3 uplifting of the poor, and spreading the gospel throughout the world.

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
5 commend and recognize Pastor Martin L. Jakes, Sr., for his excellent foresight and  
6 outstanding leadership.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
8 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Pastor Martin L. Jakes, Sr.